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It is requested that the references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form, PTO 1449, be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

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Copies of the references were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related applications Serial No. 10/120,800, filed April 11, 2002; Serial No. 10/135,316, filed April 29, 2002; and Serial No. 10/135,626, filed April 29, 2002 (the "prior applications"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the filing dates of the prior applications. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of those references cited and/or submitted in the prior application are not enclosed, but will be provided upon request.

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Copies of references not previously cited and/or submitted in the prior application are enclosed herewith.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed references are respectfully requested.

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	AC11	6,202,304	3/20/01	Shatz	029/896.6
	AD11	6,207,536	3/27/01	Matsumoto et al.	438/478
	AE11	2001/0000188	4/5/01	Lenker et al.	
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	AE12	6,290,720	9/18/01	Khosravi et al.	623/001.13
	AF12	6,290,721	9/18/01	Heath	623/001.15
	AG12	6,293,967	9/25/01	Shanley	623/001.15
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	AD13	6,331,191	12/18/01	Chobotov	623/00)1.44	
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	AF13	5,455,100	10/3/95	White	428	131	
	AG13	4,657,544	4/14/87	Pinchuk	623	1	
	AH13	4,073,999	2/14/78	Bryan, et al.	428	311	
	AI13	5,207,709	5/4/93	Picha	623	11	
	AJ13	6,240,616	6/5/01	Yan	29	527.2	
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100	AB14	2001/0011158	8/2/01	Howland	600	585
	AC14	2001/0037146	11/1/01	Lau, et al.	623	1.16
8	AD14	2001/0047201	11/29/01	Cox, et al.	623	1.16
	AE14	2001/0047200	11/29/01	White, et al.	623	1.15
	AF14	2001/0021570	9/13/01	Lin, et al.	438	455
	AG14	6,312,456	11/6/01	Krantz, et al.	623	1.13
	AH14	6,016,693	1/25/00	Viani, et al,	73	105
	A114	6,331,190	12/18/01	Shokoohi, et al.	623	1.22
	AJ14	6,348,066	2/19/02	Pinchuk, et al.	623	1.16
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	AB15	5,932,036	8/3/99	Fukai	148	670	
	AC15	5,482,574	1/9/96	Goldstein	148	517	
	AD15	5,508,116	4/16/96	Barrett	428	567	
	AE15	5,578,149	11/26/96	DeScheerder	148	563	
	AF15	5,597,378	1/28/97	Jervis	606	78	
14	AG15	5,597,458	1/18/97	Sanchez, Jr.	204	192.3	
	AH15	5,624,508	4/29/97	Flomenblit, et al.	148	510	
	AII5	5,635,144	6/3/97	Akluft	422	186.05	
	AJ15	6,284,316	9/4/01	Sandhu, et al.	427	255.391	
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	AC17	6,231,923	5/15/01	Teverovsky, et al.	427	248.1	
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	AD18	6,264,595	7/24/01	Defino, et al.	600	1
	AE18	2001/0009169	7/26/01	Kajiwara, et al.	148	563
	AF18	2001/0009220	7/26/01	Mizuno, et al.	427	569
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	AH18	6,267,867	7/31/01	Olson	205	640
	AII8	6,258,417	7/10/01	Goswami, et al.	427	452
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	AD19	6,126,761	10/3/00	DeHaven, et al.	148	518
	AE19	6,120,536	9/19/00	Ding, et al.	623	1.43
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